

REMARKS

After entry of this Amendment, the pending claims are: claims 4-6, 11-14, 16-19 and 22-27. The Office Action dated June 20, 2008 has been carefully considered. The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 22-27 were allowable. Claims 4-6, 11-14 and 16-19 have been amended to ultimately depend from allowed claim 22 and to correct any antecedent basis issues resulting therefrom. Accordingly no new matter has been added. Claims 1-3 and 7 have been canceled without prejudice to expedite prosecution of the present application. Claims 8-10, 15, 20 and 21 were previously canceled without prejudice. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the above Amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated June 20, 2008, the Examiner:

- rejected claims 1-7 and 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,273,496 Mitchel (“Mitchel”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,610,093 to Pisharodi (“Pisharodi”) and in further view of U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2004/0143332 to Krueger *et al.* (“Krueger”);
- rejected claims 14 and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mitchel in view of Pisharodi in view of Krueger and in further view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0052656 to Michelson (“Michelson”); and
- allowed claims 22-27.

INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

Independent claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mitchel in view of Pisharodi and in further view of Krueger. In order to expedite prosecution of the present

application, Independent claim 1 has been canceled. As such, this rejection is believed to be moot. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

INDEPENDENT CLAIM 22

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that independent claim 22, and dependent claim 23-27 were allowable. Claims 4-6, 11-14 and 16-19 have been amended to ultimately depend from allowed independent claim 22. All remaining claims have been canceled. As such, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

No fee is believed due for this submission. If, however, the Commissioner determines otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may now or hereafter be due in this application to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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